

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-8, 21-23 and 25-27 are now present in this application. Claims 1, 5 and 23 are independent. By this Reply, claims 2 and 24 have been canceled and claims 1 and 23 have been amended. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 3, 4, 21, 23, 25 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Song et al. (US Patent No. 6,531,392).

This rejection is moot since independent claims 1 and 23 have been amended to incorporate therein allowable claims 2 and 24 respectively. Thus, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Without acquiescing to any allegations made in rejecting the claims and only to expedite prosecution, independent claims 1 and 23 have been amended to incorporate their allowable dependent claims 2 and 24, respectively. Thus, the Independent claims 1 and 23 and their dependent claims 3-4, 21, 25 and 26 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Further, claims 5, 7-8, 22 and 27 remain allowed over the prior art of record.

Accordingly, all of the pending claims are now allowable and this Amendment places the Application in condition for allowance.

Entry of Amendment

Entry of the present Amendment is requested and proper since it places the application in condition for allowance and it reduces the issues for the appeal.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert J. Webster, Reg. No. 46,472 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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